

THRIFTY KEEPERS OF "BABIES' HOMES" REAP BIG HARVEST

Investigation Shows Host of
"Day Nurseries" Merely
Money-Making Ventures.

GIRLS GO COLLECTING.

25 to 60 Per Cent. Paid
Solicitors of Funds in
Saloons and Elsewhere.

Investigation by an Evening World reporter to-day of the arrests of seven young women who were soliciting funds in public places for "Day Nurseries for Babies" brought forth the following startling facts:

That Greater New York is honeycombed with "Homes for Babies" where the infants of poor persons are left by the day or longer to receive doubtful care. These places are not to be confused with the reputable nurseries which are sanctioned by the Catholic Charities and the Federation of Day Nurseries.

That perfunctory supervision over the "unsanctioned nurseries" is exercised by the City Health Department and none by the State authorities.

That the places really are conducted as money making ventures, their owners reaping rich harvests by sending out young women or crippled women to visit saloons and other public places and solicit contributions, in return for which they give pasteboard tags.

That the "take off" of the women solicitors ranges from 25 to 60 per cent, according to the territory involved. When these funds, amounting to thousands of dollars daily, have been turned in to the owners of the "nurseries" no public accounting is given of them.

Members of the police detective squad and Health Commissioner Emerson now are on the trail of the "nurseries." Their first stop, taken yesterday, was to arrest Miss Eleanor Waldo of No. 39 East Twenty-second Street, who said she was a cousin of former Police Commissioner Waldo, and Miss Elsie M. Wood, giving her address as No. 230 Riverside Drive, who were soliciting funds in the Wall Street station of the subway for the Mothers' Day Nursery and Home for Destitute Children, No. 55 East One Hundred and Tenth Street.

In the evening they arrested five women who were seeking contributions from crowds who were flocking to Madison Square Garden to see the Coffey-Moran fight. The five are Mrs. Elizabeth D. McAlister, head of the Star Home and Day Nursery for Worthy Mothers and Children, No. 129 West One Hundred and Thirtieth Street, and her "assistants," Lillian Banta, Elizabeth Withers, Margaret Leonard and May Ward.

The Star Home and Day Nursery

HANDY STOMACH REMEDY TO HAVE ABOUT THE HOME

Instantly stops indigestion,
gas, sourness, heartburn
or acidity.

The moment "Pape's Diapiesin"
reaches the stomach
all distress goes.

As there is often some one in your family who suffers an attack of indigestion, acid stomach, dyspepsia or some form of stomach trouble, why don't you keep Pape's Diapiesin in the house handy?

This harmless blessing will digest anything you eat without the slightest discomfort, and overcome a sour, gassy stomach in five minutes.

Tell your pharmacist to let you read the formula plainly printed on these 50-cent cases of Pape's Diapiesin, then you will readily see why it makes indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and other distress go in five minutes and relieves at once such nuisances as belching of gas, eructations of sour undigested food, nausea, headaches, dizziness, constipation and other stomach disorders.

Some folks have tried so long to find relief from indigestion and dyspepsia or an out-of-order stomach with the common everyday cures advertised that they have almost made up their minds that they have something wrong, or believe there is a case of nervousness, gastritis, catarrh of the stomach or cancer.

This, no doubt, is a serious mistake. Your real trouble is, what you eat does not digest; instead, it ferments and sours, turns to acid, gas and stomach poison, which putrefies in the digestive tract and intestines, and besides, poisons the breath with noxious odors.

A hearty appetite, with thorough digestion, and without the slightest discomfort or misery of the stomach, is waiting for you as soon as you decide to try Pape's Diapiesin—Advt.

CARUSO WARBLER AS MISS MAUD KAHN ENTERS SOCIETY.



A musicale and hall were given last night at Sherry's by Mr. and Mrs. Otto H. Kahn of No. 8 East Sixty-eighth Street for their daughter, Miss Maud E. Kahn. The large ballroom was decorated with palms, ferns, spring flowers and roses. The entertainment before the dance was supplied by Enrico Caruso, other opera stars and Pavlovna, Nijinskai and Karavina of the Diaghileff ballet. At midnight supper was served, after which dancing was resumed.

About 600 guests were present.

really is an offshoot of the Mothers' Day Nursery and Home, which is conducted by Mrs. M. A. Petgen, who calls herself the "President," while her seventeen-year-old daughter is listed as "Vice-President." Mrs. McAlister, a sister of Mrs. Petgen, formerly worked in the Mothers' Day Nursery. She made observations in the "Home," saved up \$300, quarreled with Mrs. Petgen, and a month ago blossomed forth in West One Hundred and Thirtieth Street with her "Star Home."

SECRETARY ADMITS BOOKS ARE IN CHAOTIC SHAPE.

With her went her brother-in-law, R. C. Wentz, a gray-haired man who acts as "secretary" of the place. Mr. Wentz was asked to-day to give an accounting of the funds received by the "Star Home." He said he couldn't find the books were in chaotic shape, he added.

"This whole thing is an outrage," chimed in Mrs. McAlister. "Some one is trying to do spite work, and some one will have to suffer. I am a widow with four children trying to earn an honest living."

"Do you mean to say you earn an honest living by running this place?" she was asked.

"Exactly," was the reply. "And then it's partly charity too. I am charitably inclined. My four children live with me in the nursery, and poor mothers can bring their children and I won't charge them a cent unless they can pay. I tell you it's spite work."

While she was talking half a dozen children were "playing" in a bare rear room. Their "play" consisted of sitting idly at a vacant table and staring at the visiting newspaper makers.

"I think I know where this started," continued Mrs. McAlister. "However, I am not saying anything. Go see Mrs. Petgen, the head of the Mothers' Day Nursery and Home. She is my sister. She's been collecting lots of money. When I went into the business she didn't like it a bit. And to think that on Christmas Day, 1914, I furnished the trimmings for her Christmas tree and she kept them and used them last Christmas and we had a bare sort of a tree here."

The reporter, having been unable to gather data regarding the receipts and expenditures of the "Star Home and Day Nursery," left Mrs. McAlister and her secretary and the staring children and went to call on Mrs. Petgen. There he found in the front parlor the Christmas fire brightly burning.

Mrs. Petgen said she had been conducting the Mothers' Day Nursery and Home for more than three years. She opened it at No. 1726 Lexington Avenue in 1912 and then moved to East One Hundred and Twentieth Street.

"I am a business woman," she said. "I take a business woman to run a place of this kind. Have I had any experience in charitable work? Well, as a young woman I attended St. James's Church at Pittsburgh. I got the idea for this day nursery in a peculiar way. My washerwoman was complaining she had no place to leave her baby while she went out to work. I thought over the matter and decided to open a day nursery. Mr. C. E. Stewart became my secretary and treasurer. At first he tore up the books, he said, because he had no money coming in then."

"What are your receipts, and how do you get them?" she was asked.

"I am sure I can't tell you about our receipts. Some money we get from mothers who leave children with us. If a mother calls with a baby and can't pay the five cents we let her pay later."

SENDS OUT WOMEN, BUT SAYS THEY NEED THE MONEY.

"How about outside contributions—don't it a fact that you send out young women and split 50-50 with them?"

"Why, we send out young women, yes. But they are poor, deserving young women, and of course we have to pay them something. We give them what we think is best."

The reporter asked Mrs. Petgen to show him through the building. She escorted him to the second floor where three babies were lying under greasy looking blankets. The forehead of one was wrinkled like that of an old man. The nipple of a milk bottle was in its mouth, but it was not feeding.

"The poor little fellow is sick," said Mrs. Petgen.

"No, he isn't," snapped her daughter.

"Well, he's not sick," said Mrs. Petgen.

CURB ON DEATHS BY GAS DEMANDED BY BROOKLYN JURY

Inquiry Into Twenty-eight Fatalities Ends in Drastic
Recommendations.

DEFECTS IN FIXTURES.

Regular Inspection and Prohibition of Flexible Hose
Are Urged.

An effort to lessen the dangers in the use of gas was made to-day by a jury which has been investigating the death by gas of twenty-eight persons in Brooklyn in the first twenty-two days of December. Coroner Frank S. Senior, M. D., called experts and questioned them as to the possibility of making gas less poisonous and fixtures more reliable. Nearly three times as many persons are killed by gas in Brooklyn as by automobiles.

The jury made a general presentation on the twenty-eight cases as follows:

"The testimony having shown that more than one-third of the deaths by illuminating gas are accidental, we present these recommendations. Accidental deaths by illuminating gas are caused:

"1. By improper and defective gas fixtures.

"2. By improperly constructed gas appliances.

"3. By poisonous quality of gas supplied in Brooklyn, 30 per cent. of same being a deadly poison.

"4. General carelessness by users of gas.

"To avoid said causes we recommend:

"1. Regular inspection of gas fixtures and appliances by municipal or other officers, with authority to require the distributing companies to discontinue service after reasonable notice until such defects are remedied.

"2. Abolition of the use of flexible hose so far as practicable in connections. Wherever the use of flexible hose is found necessary connections should be made by threaded couplings.

"3. That it shall be the duty of the gas companies on due notice to keep free of precipitation and sediment all pipes used for interior distribution of gas.

"4. That the Public Service Commission ascertain the feasibility of the manufacture of less poisonous gas.

"That distributing companies publish and distribute to their customers full directions as to the manipulation of gas appliances and due warning of the evils arising from the careless use of gas and that the reverse side of gas bills be used for this purpose.

"We further recommend that the construction and manipulation of all gas fixtures and appliances be of such standard as may be fixed by municipal or other authority to the end that defective and improper fixtures and appliances may not be offered for sale or in the future be permitted to be used in the transmission or use of gas."

Senator Gilchrist will present a bill in the Legislature embodying these suggestions.

CROPSY WON'T OPPOSE PAROLING OF CASSIDY

Will Object to Freeing Willett Unless His \$1,000 Fine Is Paid.

District Attorney Cropsy of Brooklyn stated to-day that he would not take proceedings to prevent "Curly Joe" Cassidy from being paroled on Jan. 14, since Cassidy's fine of \$1,000 has been paid by his friend Louis T. Walter Jr. He will, however, seek a mandamus restraining the Parole Board from freeing William Willett Jr., convicted of paying a bribe to Cassidy for a Supreme Court nomination, unless Willett's fine is paid.

In asking the District Attorney to take whatever action he contemplates before a Supreme Court Justice near Albany, and convenient to him, Attorney-General Woodbury forwarded to Mr. Cropsy papers relating to the conduct of Cassidy and Willett in prison. Among the documents was an affidavit from Superintendent of Prisons John B. Kiley, certifying to Willett's good record at Sing Sing and at Great Meadows, where he now is.

gen. "I am sorry we haven't more babies here to-day to show you, but you see it's the worst holiday, and the Catholic schools and the public schools haven't sent their children yet." Asked what Catholic school sent its children there, she said she thought it was "one down the street."

Dr. J. F. Dunneith of the Board of Health said he had been watching Mrs. Petgen's place.

"The only way we can get at these places which are not sanctioned," he said, "is to prosecute the owners for soliciting alms. They might also be prosecuted under Section 46 of the Penal Code, which provides that every day nursery owner shall register with the County Clerk. A Mrs. Willett, who owns the Star Home and Day Nursery at No. 208 East One Hundred and Tenth Street, is a protégée of Mrs. Petgen."

Of the six women arrested those taken in the subway were let go under suspended sentences, with a warning. The others will appear in the Night Court to-night.

WIFE OF AVIATOR WHO BEGINS SUIT FOR A DIVORCE.



LONDON, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Claude Grahame-White, wife of the famous aviator who has made many flights in America and is now a Flight Commander of the Royal Naval Air Service, has filed in the divorce court a petition for restitution of her conjugal rights.

When she obtains this decree and Grahame-White refuses to obey it she may proceed to sue for absolute divorce.

ARREST BROKER ACCUSED OF \$500,000 THEFT

Albert P. Miller Jr. of Providence Held on Charge of Embezzling Funds.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Albert P. Miller Jr., Providence, R. I., broker accused of embezzling half a million dollars and losing it in speculations on war stocks on the New York and Philadelphia exchanges was arrested here to-day. He was taken to Police Headquarters and questioned by police officials.

Miller was a prominent churchman, and his victims are said to number over a hundred, many of them widows and orphans. The case is one of the most sensational in New England since George W. Coleman almost wrecked the National City Bank of Cambridge.

It was indicated after an examination of papers found in Miller's Providence office by the police that others may be implicated in the defalcations, although every effort was made by the police to keep the matter a secret for fear those said to be associated with him might escape.

Investigations of the broker's affairs are being hastened to-day by the Providence authorities, and in the mean time an involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed against him in the United States Court there on behalf of Beach & Sweet, Inc., because of insurance premiums due two of his alleged victims.

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Persons dining in the Red Room of the Hotel Imperial last evening were startled when a young woman dining with two men and a girl companion was suddenly dragged away from her table by another woman, who shouted for the police. Detectives Devanne and McCann ran in and stopped the two women.

The woman who had dragged the other from the table said she was Miss Mary Wilson of No. 3129 Broadway, and told the detectives her apartment had been robbed on Dec. 7. A halibut told her that Sarah Lathan of No. 236 West Fifty-sixth Street, who says she is a moving picture actress, had been to the apartment with another woman, both carrying suit cases. She went out searching for Miss Lathan, and saw her for the first time in the Imperial.

Miss Lathan tearfully admitted to the detectives that she had been to the apartment with a woman friend and had taken some of Miss Wilson's clothes, but she protested it was all in a joke. Miss Wilson insisted on her arrest, and she was charged with grand larceny.

MRS. SAGE GIVES \$250,000 TO TEACH HOME ARTS

Amount of Her Donations to Emma Willard Seminary Is Now \$1,250,000.

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 8.—That Mrs. T. Sage has given \$250,000 to the Emma Willard School was announced to-day by President Paul Cook of the Board of Trustees. Her gift is for the purpose of teaching domestic and industrial art as a special department.

Before her husband's death, in July, 1906, both Mrs. Sage and Mr. Sage did much for the benefit of the Emma Willard Seminary. Mrs. Sage finished her education at the seminary, being graduated with the class of 1847. She has been President of the Alumnae Association of the seminary for years.

Mrs. Sage made a gift of \$1,000,000 to the Emma Willard Seminary in February, 1907, seven months after the death of her husband.

HARDEN SILENCED BY GERMANY TILL THE WAR IS OVER

Noted Editor Prohibited From
Public Speaking or Writing—
His Paper Suppressed.

WAS A SEVERE CRITIC.

Recent Comment on Food
Conditions Aroused Displeasure of Government.

BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Maximilian Harden, the journalist, is prohibited from public speaking or writing for the remainder of the war by an order issued to-day. His weekly magazine Zukunft has been suppressed for attacking the government.

The order forbidding the noted German editor from expressing himself publicly either by speaking or in writing and suppressing his magazine is one of the drastic acts of censorship of the war. The contents of the article complained of by the German Government have not been made public outside Germany. It is known, however, that Harden has been in difficulties with the censor several times for criticizing food regulation and other acts of the Government pertaining to the war.

Harden is not only the most feared publicist in Germany, but also one of the best known men in the Kaiser's empire. He won his way to fame by a series of articles, charging conditions of immorality in the entourage of the Kaiser. Harden was sued for libel, but acquitted, and when the Crown Prince brought the Kaiser's attention to the articles there were wholesale dismissals of counts and princesses of the notorious "Round Table."

Zukunft, or "Future," the weekly edited by Harden, has an immense circulation. In addition to his work as a writer Harden is much in demand as a public lecturer.

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The American Legation has authorized the following statement:

"This legation will be delighted to extend to the Ford party as private Americans citizens travelling abroad all the courtesy to which they are entitled. They will have the opportunity to see some of the treasures of Dutch painting and architecture, and doubtless will have a peaceful, instructive stay in Holland as American tourists."

No statement was given out regarding the matters discussed, and officials of the Government, in declining to talk regarding the meeting, displayed anxiety that nothing be said that would indicate that Col. House's call should be termed a "conference" between the two men.

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MRS. DE LANCEY NICOLL, WHOSE ILLNESS CALLS HUSBAND TO LONDON



Do Lancey Nicoll will sail to-day on the American liner St. Louis to be with his wife, who is in a hospital in London recovering from injuries received several weeks ago when she was struck and knocked down by an automobile.

Mr. Nicoll was forced to remain here because of his connection with the defense of the directors of the New Haven railroad. Mrs. Nicoll, who had been in a serious condition, is now said to be out of danger.

FORD PEACE PARTY ARRIVES IN HOLLAND

Members Were Given Cordial
Treatment During Their Trip
Through Germany.

OLDENZAAL, Holland, Jan. 8. (via London).—The special train carrying the members of the Ford peace party from Copenhagen to The Hague arrived at the Dutch frontier to-day after an eleven-hour trip through Germany. The train passed through Lubbeck, Hamburg and Bremen. The trip was without incident. The party after leaving here continued on to The Hague.

Throughout the entire trip the cordiality of the German reception was emphasized. The delegates' satchels were searched only perfunctorily, the German officers scarcely opening grips carried by women members. Trunks were unopened and not a single delegate was forced to submit to a search of his clothing.

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NEW JERSEY POSSE BATTLES ROBBERS; THREE SHOT DOWN

Post Office Looters and Citizens Fire On Each Other
at Penns Grove.

50 SHOTS EXCHANGED.

Second Raid in Two Weeks
Finds Town Prepared—
3 Taken Unwounded.

PENNS GROVE, N. J., Jan. 8.—Six or seven men were surprised while robbing the Post-Office here early to-day, with the result that three of the robbers are in a hospital suffering from bullet wounds and three others are in the Camden County Jail, after a battle with a posse of citizens, policemen and postal inspectors. One man is believed to have escaped.

Because of the great increase in the number of employees at the Du Pont Powder Works at Carney's Point, N. J., Penns Grove has grown from a quiet little place to a thriving town of 25,000 persons and the Post-Office is a busy place.

On pay day at the powder plant two weeks ago an attempt was made to rob the Post-Office, and when an other pay day came yesterday Chief Marshal Harbison of Penns Grove enlisted half a dozen citizens to help his force of four policemen protect the office, and postal inspectors sent inspectors. All were armed.

The Post-Office was surrounded at midnight in Brooklyn. At 2:30 A. M. the band of robbers approached the building from different directions and broke open the door. One man stayed outside as lookout and the others entered.

The posse closed in on the Post-Office and the lookout opened fire. His companions rushed to the doors and windows and also started shooting. The posse returned the fire vigorously. In all fifty shots were fired.